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Applicant : Itoh, et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 28, 2004 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this submission.

(WP195255;2)

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile transmission to MAILSTOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents at 703-872-9306 on

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